to \vhich she answered that it was the first that ever she committed and if the7 would give her liberty she would confess all the truth freely , whereat her speech was interrupted so that she could not speak, but she prayed them to forgive her The cunning man seeing this would not prevail fell to trial of his conclusion He put a pair of new shoes on her feet, setting her close to the fire till the shoes being extreme hot might constrain her through pain to confess She, being thoroughly heated, desired a release and she would disclose all, which granted she confessed nothing Being therefore threatened more sharply, she confessed to reveal all privately to Mistress Dethick, but when she began to speak her breath was stopped, so that she could say nothing but c I pray you forgrv e me' The company continued threatening and persuading her but she \vould say nothing to the purpose, and so she was sent again to the Town Hall, and the company departed , after which the boy had eight fits

These torments having endured for nearly ten weeks, very grievously, on the 6th May the boy had twelve fits in the forenoon and ten in the afternoon After one of them taking the chamberpot, he started suddenly saying, ' Look, where a man cometh out of the chamberpot', in another fit he cried out, * Flames of fire, flames of fire ' , in another he said, c I see the heavens open' In most of these fits he bleared out his tongue, having his face wry turned towards his back, groaning and shrieking lamentably.

At length, the fits having in the meanwhile increased, there came one Mr John. Darrell, a preacher, who seeing the boy in divers of his fits, assured his friends that he was

possessed -with an unclean spirit, and exhorted both the boy and his parents and friends to resist Satan and to prepare themselves against the next day to that holy exercise of prayer and fasting

The next day therefore the family with some others being assembled, the holy exercise of prayer and fasting was taken in hand, in the midst whereof the boy was taken with his fits but after a while fell into a trance, and there came from him a small voice saying,[c] Brother Glassap, we cannot prevail, his faith is so strong, and they fast and pray, and a preacher prayeth as fast **as** they *, and, * Brother Radulphus, I will go unto my master